REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. The amendments to the claims, specification and drawings were not made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The amendments to the specification were made to correct an obvious mistake that was made in referencing the parts of the present invention. The sentence that is being corrected makes reference to the second and third groove/follower groups, so it is obvious that the last part should have referenced the first groove/follower group and not the third group again, particularly in view of the following sentence. The corrections make reference to parts of the invention outlined on lines 9 and 10 of page 42 of the specification. No new matter is introduced by these changes.

The amendment to the claims was made to correct an obvious informality. By changing claim 10 to depend on claim 9, clear antecedent basis is provided for the lens system. No new matter is introduced by this change.

The amendments to the drawing were made to make figure 19 more in accordance with the specification as outlined on page 37 of the specification. No new matter is introduced by these changes.

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